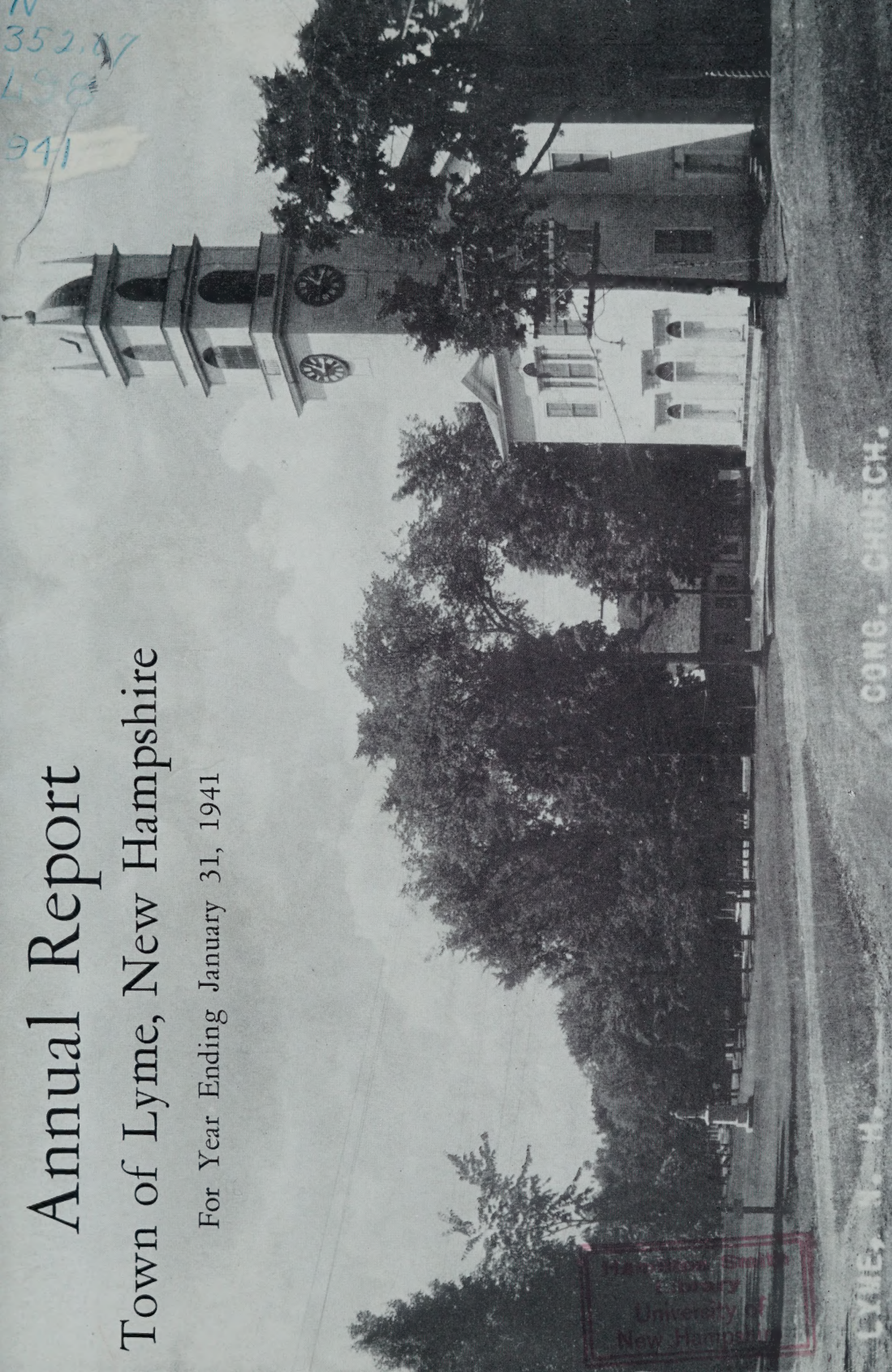


# Annual Report

## Town of Lyme, New Hampshire

For Year Ending January 31, 1941

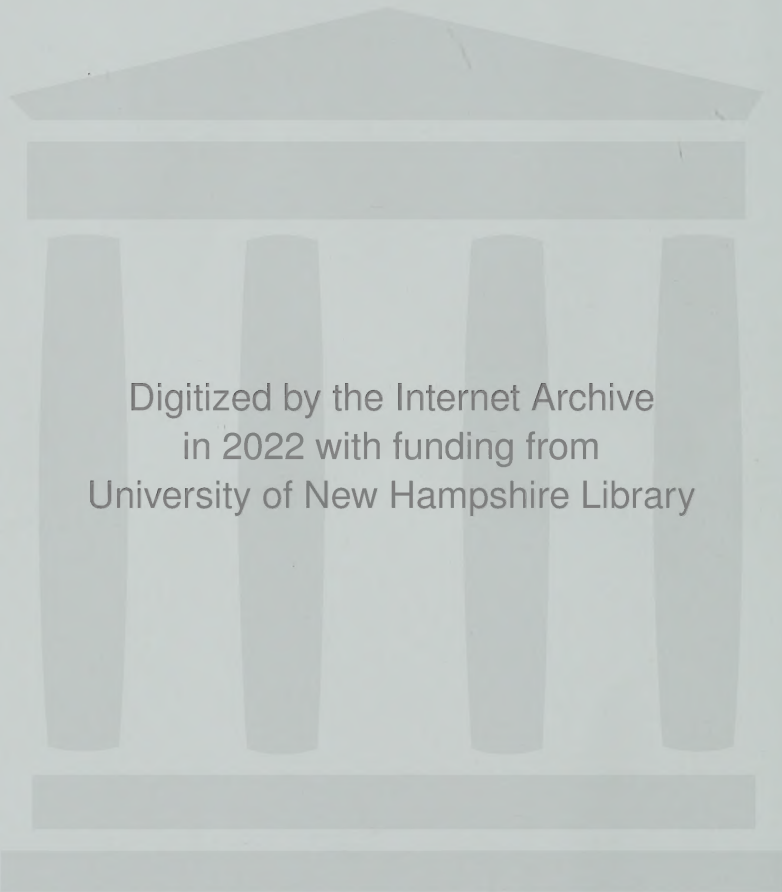


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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
THE OFFICERS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF LYME

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For the Year Ending January 31

1941



## OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF LYME

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### **Moderator**

RALPH W. BALCH

### **Supervisors of the Check List**

ARAD J. WARREN                      GEORGE A. GREENWOOD  
ARTHUR E. DERBY

### **Town Clerk**

DAVID A. GRANT

### **Selectmen**

FRANK H. BAILEY                      HERVEY H. HOBBS  
GEORGE A. PUSHEE

### **Treasurer**

DAVID A. GRANT

### **Overseer of the Poor**

GEORGE A. PUSHEE

### **Tax Collector**

EARL C. PERKINS

### **Highway Agent**

MAURICE E. HOBBS

### **Trustees of the Trust Funds**

HERVEY H. HOBBS                      FRANK H. BAILEY  
GEORGE A. PUSHEE

### **Auditors**

GEORGE A. GREENWOOD      MARION N. PERKINS

### **Library Trustees**

HERVEY H. HOBBS	EARL C. PERKINS
RALPH W. BALCH	
L. MINNIE SMALL	ALVIN D. THAYER
ALICE W. THAYER	
HENRY S. PUSHEE	HARRIET B. WARREN
LUELLE A. ALDEN	

### **Budget Committee**

RALPH A. LAMPHERE	DAVID E. COBURN
CHESTER D. PIKE	
EARL C. PERKINS	EUGENE C. PUSHEE
RALPH W. BALCH	
HENRY S. PUSHEE	GEORGE C. BRAY
ROYAL E. WEEDEN	

### **School Board**

MARY A. CHASE	ARTHUR E. DERBY
LELA M. PIKE	



## TOWN WARRANT

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### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Lyme, in the County of Grafton, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Church Hall in said Lyme on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the budget as prepared by the Budget Committee.

4. To see what compensation the Town will allow its various officers the ensuing year. Also what price per day will be paid for Labor, Trucks and Teams on the Town Highways the ensuing year.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any Real Estate acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds.

6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes the ensuing year.

7. To see if the Town will vote to allow bank discount on all taxes paid on or before November 1st, 1941.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81.00 for the issuance and distribution of printed matter, calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the Town, in cooperation of other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region. Said appropriation to be disbursed by the Selectmen.

9. To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate for Forest Fire Tools on a 50-50 basis with the State.

10. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to refund the Town debt by the issuance of Serial Notes.

11. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Tax Collector to deed to the Town all property where tax deeds are due.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,144.50 for State Aid Construction. The State to contribute \$2,288.00. To be used on the Cummings Pond Road.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.02 for Town Road Aid the State to contribute \$2,800.07.

14. To see what sum of money if any the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for additional fire equipment.

15. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the division of municipal accounting and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

16. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$400.00 for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.

Given under our hands and seal, this 22nd day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-one.

Frank H. Bailey,  
Hervey H. Hobbs,  
Geo. A. Pushee,

Selectmen of Lyme.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

Frank H. Bailey,  
Hervey H. Hobbs,  
Geo. A. Pushee,

Selectmen of Lyme.



# INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF LYME

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Number of Polls	535	
Real Estate	\$650,655.00	
Horses 157	18,925.00	
Oxen 10	810.00	
Cows 794	44,830.00	
Neat Stock 246	8,610.00	
Sheep 142	940.00	
Hogs 6	110.00	
Fowls 2,759	2,725.00	
Mink 105	1,050.00	
Portable Mills 3	2,200.00	
Mills and Machinery 5	3,400.00	
Acqueduct 1	800.00	
Boats 8	200.00	
Electric Light Plant	9,200.00	
Pumps, 19; Tanks, 19	1,990.00	
Stock in Trade	17,200.00	
Wood and Lumber	16,450.00	
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Exemptions	\$780,095.00	
	17,070.00	
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	\$763,025.00	
Non-Resident Real Estate	\$59,680.00	
Exemption	400.00	
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	\$59,280.00	

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TAX COMMISSION**

Concord, N. H.  
July 8, 1940

Board of Selectmen  
Lyme, New Hampshire  
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Lyme, which has been made by this division at the request of the voters of the town as expressed in a vote taken at the annual meeting held in March, 1940. Schedules as hereafter listed are included as part of this report.

**Finances**

A summary showing the trend in town finances during the past ten years is presented in Schedule A which is a statement of indebtedness, valuation and taxes. The significant facts as disclosed by this statement are:

- (1) Outstanding temporary loans in anticipation of taxes accumulated to more than \$34,000.00 during this period.
- (2) "Net Debt" increased by approximately \$25,000.00
- (3) Assessed Valuation of town decreased by approximately \$234,000.00.
- (4) Amount of taxes assessed (tax warrants) decreased by \$5,292.00.
- (5) Unredeemed taxes increased \$7,427.83.
- (6) Town tax rate increased 15c per hundred as compared to an increase of 65c per hundred in the average state tax rate.

**Outstanding Temporary Loans:** As a result of the continued accumulation of outstanding temporary loans during the last ten years a rather serious financial situation has arisen which should be faced squarely and the proper remedies applied as soon as possible.

It is evident that the accumulation of outstanding temporary loans, amounting to over \$34,000.00, repre-

sents for the most part an excess of expenditures over appropriations. Although certain emergencies arose during this period such as floods, hurricane and forest fires, necessitating expenditures which could not be anticipated, it is nevertheless a fact that these outstanding loans result from expenditures which were made for current operations and not on account of new construction, equipment, lands or buildings. In other words the town has not followed a "pay-as-you-go" policy during the past ten years.

While it has never been the purpose of this department to urge any town to increase its appropriations, but rather to stress the necessity of economy in town government, it is evident that a change of policy must be made so that continued overdrafts, with the resulting accumulation of indebtedness, may be prevented.

The answer to this problem lies directly in the hands of the voters and taxpayers. If the cost of the various services which the town renders (highways and all other functions) is consistently in excess of the appropriations made for such purposes, then the question to be decided is:

"Shall the services be reduced to the point where the costs will not exceed the appropriations, or shall the appropriations be increased to meet the costs of services which are being performed at the present time?"

The town must consider this matter seriously if improvement in its financial condition is to be expected.

The legal debt limit of the town of Lyme (3 % of the 1940 assessed valuation of \$763,025.00) amounts to \$22,890.75. The outstanding notes, on January 31, 1940, amounted to \$34,240.00, indicating that the debt limit has been exceeded by \$11,349.25.

The entire amount of the town debt is now in the form of demand and short term notes. The issuance of demand notes by municipalities is specifically prohibited by Section 4 of Chapter 59, **New Hampshire Public Laws**. It is therefore essential that the first step to be taken toward reorganizing the town finances is the refunding of this debt by issuing serial notes in place thereof. It will be necessary to have this procedure authorized by vote of the town at the next annual meeting. Reduction in the town indebtedness will be made each year in specified amounts when this has been accomplished.



## **Taxes**

As indicated by Schedule I, unredeemed taxes from tax sales on account of the levies of 1939 and previous years, amounted in the aggregate to \$5,812.33. Verification notices have been sent out to all parties whose names appeared on the unredeemed lists.

It appears that tax collectors' deeds are due the town on a number of properties, as indicated by these lists, and early attention should be given to this matter.

A search made of the records at the Register of Deeds office disclosed the fact that in a number of cases where the town records indicated redemptions had been made from tax sales, such redemptions were not noted on the registry records. A list of such cases has been made and the proper notifications should be sent to the Register of Deeds in order that his records may be corrected.

It is recommended that all redemptions in the future be made directly through the Tax Collector and that all tax sale records be kept by him.

## **Selectmen's and Treasurer's Accounts**

Vouchers issued by the Selectmen during the fiscal year ended January 31, 1940, and the current year to June 4, 1940, were examined as were also supporting invoices and road agent's payrolls. Totals of receipts and expenditures were verified. The treasurer's cash book balance as of June 4, 1940, amounted to \$389.61. This was in agreement with the reconciled bank balance of like date. (Schedule G)

It is recommended that the Treasurer countersign the Selectmen's orders and use these as checks in place of the present practise of issuing separate checks. If this is done the serial numbers of vouchers and checks will correspond and each and every payment will be made by check.

## **Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle and Dog License accounts for 1939 and the current year to date were audited and balanced as shown by Schedule H.

## Summary

The persistent increase in Net Debt over a period of years, as indicated by Schedule A, during which time no long term notes or bonds for capital outlay expenditures were issued, necessarily must be attributed to repeated overdrafts for current expenditures as previously pointed out. This situation, together with the increase in unredeemed taxes, has resulted in the continued increase in outstanding temporary loans. It is again emphasized that this accumulated indebtedness should be refunded by the issuance of serial notes as the first step towards putting the town's financial affairs in order.

It is also pointed out again that tax collector's deeds should be taken by the town on properties where such deeds are due, giving owners reasonable notice that such action is being taken. After the town has acquired these properties efforts should be made to dispose of them in order that they may again become revenue producing. Former owners are usually given the first opportunity to repurchase their property after deeds are taken by the town.

In accordance with Chapter 211, Section 31, of the laws of 1939, a copy of this report or a summary of its essential features should be published in the next annual report of the town.

Yours very truly,

Harold G. Fowler,

Director Division of Municipal Accounting.

Lawton B. Chandler,

Alan R. Matthews,

Accountants.

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF LYME

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Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing  
Year February 1, 1941 to January 31, 1942

Compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year  
February 1, 1940 to January 31, 1941

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue 1940	Estimated Revenue 1941
<b>From State:</b>		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$1,561.88	\$1,561.88
Insurance Tax	4.88	4.88
Railroad Tax	937.52	937.52
Savings Bank Tax	454.60	454.60
For Fighting Forest Fires	104.55	
Bounties Received from State	38.80	
Grafton County Poor	534.42	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>		
Filing Fee	2.00	
Dynamite Sold	11.60	
Dog Licenses	291.00	
Mowing Machine Sold	25.00	
Lumber Sold	38.32	
Postage from School District	4.83	
Fire Refund from Town of Hanover	25.10	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,222.02	1,200.00
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>		
(a) Poll Taxes	1,074.00	1,100.00
<b>Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:</b>		
Tax Sales Redeemed	5,000.00	
	1,253.29	



<b>Cash on Hand (Surplus)</b>	4,225.93	
Discounts and Abatements	243.79	
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Total Revenues from all Sources		
Except Property Taxes		6,607.68
<b>Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes</b>		22,935.13
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Total Revenues	\$40,281.89	\$29,442.81

<b>Purposes of Expenditures</b>	<b>Actual Exp. 1940</b>	<b>Estimated Exp. 1941</b>
<b>General Government:</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,160.98	\$1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	386.86	350.00
Election and Registration Exp.	169.00	
Expenses Town Hall and Other		
Town Buildings		15.00
<b>Protection Persons and Property:</b>		
Dog Damages		100.00
Police Department	234.90	250.00
Fire Department	431.30	500.00
Forest Fire Fighting Equipment		31.00
Bounties Paid	48.80	
<b>Health:</b>		
Health Department, including hospitals	200.00	200.00
Vital Statistics	5.50	10.00
Unclassified	175.50	
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>		
Town Maintenance	7,305.97	4,000.00
Street Lighting	549.28	550.00
General Expenses of Highway Department (by Selectmen)	217.73	
Town Road Aid	618.61	700.02
Snow and Sand		2,000.00
Miller Road	88.52	
<b>Libraries:</b>		
Libraries	300.00	400.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>		
County Poor	469.45	
Town Poor	33.54	200.00
Old Age Assistance	244.85	400.00

**Patriotic Purposes:**

Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	57.50	75.00
Aid to Soldiers and their families	203.14	150.00

**Recreation:**

Parks and Playgrounds, including band concerts	75.00	75.00
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**Public Service Enterprises:**

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region Cemeteries	81.00	
	175.00	175.00

**Interest:**

On Temporary Loans	1,424.75	1,424.75
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**Highways and Bridges:**

North Thetford Bridge		500.00
Snow Fences	250.00	75.00
Timber Salvage		170.00
New Equipment	1,400.00	

**Payment on Principal of Debt:** 1,250.00

Notes	5,000.00
Taxes Bought by Town	2,028.10
Abatements	243.79

**Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:**

County Taxes	3,074.04	3,074.04
Payments to School District	8,263.79	11,568.00

Total Expenditures	\$34,946.90	\$29,442.81
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**TOWN OF LYME****BALANCE****Assets**

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$2,694.97	
In hands of officials		
(a) Tax Collector	1,349.72	
(b) Lumber on hand	800.00	
	<hr/>	4,844.69

**Due from State:**

Bounties	48.80
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**Taxes bought by the Town:**

Levy of 1940	2,028.10	
Levy of 1939	1,525.30	
Levy of 1938	1,145.65	
Previous years	2,878.49	7,577.54
Uncollected Taxes		1,330.85

Total Assets	13,801.88
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	27,134.02
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	\$40,935.90

Net Debt January 31, 1940	\$25,714.67
Net Debt January 31, 1941	27,134.02
Increase of Debt	\$ 1,419.35

**SHEET****January 31, 1941****Liabilities****Due School District:**

Dog Licenses	\$238.90	
Balance of Appropriation	6,457.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,695.90

## Outstanding loans in anticipation of

Taxes

George W. Barnes, notes on demand

	\$22,300.00	
Lyme Cong'l Church	6,240.00	
Mildred M. Grant	1,500.00	
Carrie B. Wells	3,500.00	
Arad J. Warren	700.00	
	<hr/>	34,240.00

Total Liabilities		<hr/>	\$40,935.90
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## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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**Libraries:**

Land and Buildings	\$15,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	4,500.00

**Police Department:**

Land and Building	300.00
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**Fire Department:**

Land and Building	500.00
Equipment	2,000.00

**Highway Department:**

Land and Building	400.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Materials and Supplies	100.00
French Lot	1,500.00

	<hr/>	\$26,300.00
Herbert H. Barnes, Free Bed Fund		10,000.00
		<hr/>
		\$36,300.00



## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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Received for licenses on 145 dogs	\$320.00	
Less Clerk's fee	29.00	
	<hr/>	\$291.00
Received for 1939 Automobile Permits	\$5.01	
Received for 1940 Automobile Permits	1,165.48	
Received for 1941 Automobile Permits	51.53	
	<hr/>	1,222.02
Total Receipts		<hr/> \$1,513.02
Paid Town Treasurer		1,513.02

David A. Grant,  
Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE

Town of Lyme, N. H.

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### RECEIPTS

#### Current Revenue:

##### From Local Taxes:

Total taxes committed to collector 1940	\$24,549.82	
Less discounts and abatements 1940	243.79	
Less uncollected taxes 1940	1,330.85	
Less cash in collector's hands	1,349.72	
Property taxes actually collected	21,114.69	
Poll taxes actually collected	754.00	
		\$21,868.69
Tax sales redeemed		1,253.29
From U. S. Government—Timber salvage		6.32

##### From State:

Interest and Dividend Tax	1,561.88	
Insurance Tax	4.88	
Railroad Tax	937.52	
Savings Bank Tax	454.60	
		2,958.88
Fighting forest fires		104.55
Bounties		38.80

##### From County:

For support of poor	534.42
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## TOWN TREASURER

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### PAYMENTS

#### Current Maintenance Expenses:

1	Officers' salaries	\$1,160.98	
2	Officers' expenses	386.86	
3	Election expenses	169.00	
		<hr/>	\$1,716.84

#### Protection of Persons and Property:

4	Police Department	234.90	
5	Fire Department	200.30	
6	Forest Fires and Fire Warden	224.40	
7	Bounties	48.80	
		<hr/>	708.40
8	Health and Hospitals		205.50

#### Highways and Bridges:

9	Town Maintenance	7,305.97	
10	Snow Fence	250.00	
	Miller Road	88.52	
11	Town Road Aid	648.61	
12	By Selectmen	217.73	
		<hr/>	8,510.83
13	Street Lights		549.28
14	Library		300.00
15	Charities:		
	Old Age Assistance	244.85	
	County Poor	502.99	
		<hr/>	747.84

## RECEIPTS (Continued)

### From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	291.00	
Elm Spring Farm, lumber	24.00	
Leon Bombard, lumber	8.00	
Howard DeGoosh, mowing machine	25.00	
Maurice Hobbs, dynamite	11.60	
Filing fee	2.00	
School District, postage	4.83	
Hanover, fire refunds	25.10	
Interest	37.44	
	<hr/>	428.97
Automobile permits for 1939	5.01	
Automobile permits for 1940	1,165.48	
Automobile permits for 1941	51.53	
	<hr/>	1,222.02

### Receipts other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loan	5,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$33,415.94
Cash on hand February 1, 1940		4,225.93
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Grand Total		\$37,641.87



## PAYMENTS (Continued)

16	<b>Parks and Playgrounds</b>		75.00
17	Dartmouth, Lake Sunapee		81.00
18	<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>		
	Cemeteries		175.00
19	<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b>		
	Memorial Day	57.50	
	Soldiers' Aid	203.14	
		<hr/>	260.64
20	<b>Unclassified</b>		2,453.99
21	<b>New Equipment</b>		1,400.00
22	<b>Indebtedness:</b>		
	Payment on temporary loan		5,000.00
23	<b>Interest</b>		1,424.75
24	<b>Payment to Other Govern- mental Divisions:</b>		11,337.83
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	Total Payments for all Purposes		\$34,946.90
	Cash on hand January 31, 1941		2,694.97
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	Grand Total		\$37,641.87

## DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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### Detail 1—Salaries

Marion S. Perkins, Auditor	\$6.00	
George A. Greenwood, Auditor	6.00	
Hervey H. Hobbs, Selectman	205.50	
George A. Pushee, Selectman	157.50	
Frank H. Bailey, Selectman	169.00	
David A. Grant, Clerk	173.85	
David A. Grant, Treasurer	75.00	
Earl C. Perkins, Collector	368.13	
	<hr/>	\$1,160.98

### Detail 2—Officers' Expenses

Association Dues	\$4.00	
Cory-Hewitt Press, Reports	150.27	
Arad J. Warren, Bonds	40.00	
Fred J. Shores, Transfers	18.55	
Charles E. Dixon, Transfers	.50	
Wheeler & Clark, Supplies	16.45	
Hervey H. Hobbs, Expense	30.00	
George A. Pushee, Expense	14.54	
Frank H. Bailey, Expense	7.65	
David A. Grant, Clerk	41.06	
State Auditors, Audit	42.95	
E. C. Eastman Co., Supplies	4.24	
Mascoma Savings Bank, Office rent	16.65	
	<hr/>	386.86

### Detail 3—Election Expenses

Ralph W. Balch, Moderator	\$12.00	
Arad J. Warren, Supervisor	33.00	
George A. Greenwood, Supervisor	19.50	
Arthur E. Derby, Supervisor	26.50	
Perley G. Ward, Ballot Clerk	9.00	
Fred C. Welch, Ballot Clerk	9.00	
Fred W. Grant, Ballot Clerk	9.00	
Lyme Cong'l Church, Hall rent	51.00	
	<hr/>	169.00

#### **Detail 4—Protection of Persons and Property**

##### **Police Department**

Hervey H. Hobbs, Fuel	\$24.00	
Charles R. Jackson, Constable and care of tramps	159.85	
Lee Cutting, Jr., Cleaning	4.80	
R. E. Weeden	2.25	
Roy C. Abbott, Dog Officer, 2 years	44.00	
	<hr/>	234.90

##### **Detail 5—Fire Department**

Earl C. Perkins	\$56.00	
Hervey H. Hobbs	67.69	
Small & Lake	5.37	
R. E. Weeden	8.72	
General Cities Service	22.52	
Harold C. Webb	15.00	
Fairlee, Fire truck	18.00	
George C. McClellan	7.00	
	<hr/>	200.30

##### **Detail 6—Forest Fires**

Frank H. Bailey, Warden	\$23.75
Herold Clark	2.00
Lee Cutting	.80
Lewis Simmons	.80
Alger Dennis	1.80
Lee Goodrich	1.80
Harry Gray	2.20
Hervey Hobbs	2.80
Mason Balch	3.80
Frank Stevens	3.80
Maurice Hobbs	.80
Forest Perkins	.80
Howard DeGoosh	.80
Lawrence Hart	.80
Harold Webb	.80
Stanley Weeden	.80
George Tattersoll	.80
William Kuchler	1.60
David Fowler	1.60
Irvin Gray	.80
Weymouth Pike	3.60

Harlie Gray	1.50	
Harry Franklin	1.20	
Dean LaMott	1.20	
Joseph Thompson	1.20	
Lon C. Pike	1.20	
Lon J. Pike	1.20	
John Jewell	1.20	
George Shattuck	1.20	
Melvin DeWitt	1.20	
Charles Pike	1.20	
C. Flandreau	.80	
Six Shovels @ \$1.50	9.00	
Town of Hanover	59.60	
Town of Orford	29.45	
	<hr/>	167.90

#### Forest Fires—1939

George Sinclair, Injured at fire	\$20.00	
Laconia Mem. Hospital, Care of Sinclair	5.83	
Laconia Clinic, Care of Sinclair	4.00	
Dr. Middleton, Care of Sinclair	26.67	
	<hr/>	56.50

Permits must be obtained before any burning takes place in or near woodlands or where the fire may be communicated to woodlands. Starting fire unlawfully, the expense that may incur must be met by the person responsible for the same.

Frank H. Bailey,  
Warden



## Supplement to the Report of the Forest Fire Warden Town of Lyme 1940

Number of Forest Fires	3
Number of Investigations	13
Estimated Acreage of Areas burned over	11.5 acres
Size of average fire	3.833 acres
Number of fire permits	36

### Forest Fire Fighting Tools On Hand:

4 Knapsack pumps	12 Water pails
6 Shovels	12 Steel brooms
5 Axes	1 Pump truck
	200 ft. 1½ in. fire hose

Tools recommended to be purchased to reasonably equip town forest fire fighting organization:

- 1 cross-cut saw and wedge
- 3 axes, handled
- 4 Pulaski tools (combination axe-mattock)
- 6 Fire Rakes, mowing-machine type
- 6 Hazel hoes (special fire grub-hoe)
- 3 Knapsack-type water pumps
- 6 Oil Lanterns
- 2 Drinking water canteens, 1-gallon

Total estimated cost to the town \$31.00

Forest Fire Warden, Frank H. Bailey

### Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Harold C. Webb	William W. Day
George Bryant	Arthur E. Derby
George McClellan	Henry H. Hobbs

#### Detail 7—Bounties

George A. Pushee	\$29.40	
Hervey H. Hobbs	18.20	
Frank H. Bailey	1.20	
	<hr/>	\$48.80

#### Detail 8—Health

Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital	\$200.00	
William F. Putnam, Returning Birth and Deaths	4.00	
Irvin G. Thursby, Returning Marriages	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$205.50

#### Statement

Cash in hands of Road Agent Feb. 1, 1940	\$39.34	
Received from Town	7,305.97	
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Total		\$7,345.31

#### Money Expended

Maintenance	\$4,676.35	
Highway Bills	513.19	
Snow	1,071.70	
Sanding	245.60	
Dorchester Road	60.50	
Snow Fence	160.00	
Snow	424.80	
Sanding	180.35	
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Total		7,332.49
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Balance		\$12.82

#### Detail 9—Town Maintenance

Maurice Hobbs, Foreman	\$635.25
H. H. Hobbs, truck	1,005.70
Mason Balch	481.80
Howard DeGoosh	290.20
Weymouth Pike, sand	18.40

Raymond Balch	9.60	
Forrest Perkins	305.20	
Maurice Hobbs, tractor	776.00	
Harry Gray	27.20	
Laurence Hart	178.00	
Ellery Balch	13.20	
Lon Pike	2.40	
John Lawson, truck	16.20	
George Hobbs	42.40	
David Fowler	42.80	
John Jewell	10.40	
Albert LaMott	10.40	
Frank Stevens	287.40	
John Balch	9.00	
Kenneth Dimick	6.40	
George Shattuck	4.40	
Earl Edmonds, gravel	29.20	
Karl Wing	10.40	
Lee Piper	18.00	
Norman Bean	1.20	
Chester Hobbs	16.80	
Chester Hobbs, truck	94.80	
Clarence Gray	37.00	
Hugh Bryan	17.80	
Chester Pike, gravel	44.20	
Albert Paul	234.60	
	<hr/>	\$4,676.35

### Snow

Maurice Hobbs, Foreman	\$106.00	
Maurice Hobbs, tractor	420.80	
Howard DeGoosh	110.40	
Forrest Perkins	111.60	
Mason Balch	29.20	
Hervey Hobbs, truck	20.40	
Raymond Balch	2.80	
Zelma Bates	71.50	
Albert Paul	24.80	
Chester Hobbs, truck	102.20	
Carl Smith	12.80	
Dennis Smith	35.20	
Hugh Bryan	24.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,071.70

### **Sanding**

Maurice Hobbs, Foreman	\$19.00
Hervey Hobbs, truck	99.50
Mason Balch	37.40
Howard DeGoosh	15.80
Harry Gray	15.60
Forrest Perkins	11.00
George Shattuck	12.40
John Jewell	10.60
Weymouth Pike, sand	13.50
George Hobbs	10.80

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\$245.60

### **Highway Bills**

John Piper	\$7.60
Lee Piper	7.20
George Elder	9.20
Ray Road Equipment	19.02
N. H. Explosive Co.	125.25
V. A. Hobbs	45.11
David Fowler	5.00
Dyer Sales & Machinery Co.	7.50
Chester Pike	4.60
Earl Pike	35.00
Maurice Hobbs	2.00
W. H. Trumbull	76.00
Hugh Bryan	12.00
Hattie Wise	18.84
Arthur Derby	3.20
Clarence Gray	9.60
Fred Macdonald	14.00
Albert Paul	2.80
Dana Derby	3.15
Maurice McKnight	4.00
Perley Ward	9.60
Perley Hall	1.20
Railway Express Agency	4.44
Thomas Ward	6.04
Roy Abbott	16.80
Gerald Davis	6.00
Sears Roebuck & Co.	2.90
Fred Johnson	5.60
Warren Shattuck	2.50
Homer Wilmot	6.80



Charles Bishop	2.80	
Charles Clark	3.40	
Bert Dennis	5.60	
Haynes Johnson	7.45	
Fred Stevens	3.20	
George Stevens	7.20	
Harry Sanborn	1.20	
John Balch	1.20	
F. E. West	8.19	
	<hr/>	\$513.19

#### **Dorchester Road**

Maurice Hobbs	\$11.50	
Maurice Hobbs, tractor	177.60	
Mason Balch	9.20	
Raymond Balch	8.00	
Clarence Gray	13.40	
	<hr/>	\$60.50

#### **Snow Fence**

Maurice Hobbs	\$25.50	
H. H. Hobbs, truck	56.80	
Mason Balch	28.40	
Raymond Balch	26.80	
Karl Wing	7.20	
W. H. Trumbull	15.30	
	<hr/>	\$160.00

#### **Snow**

Maurice Hobbs	\$71.50	
Maurice Hobbs, tractor	177.60	
Raymond Balch	7.20	
Mason Balch	45.20	
H. H. Hobbs, truck	13.60	
Forrest Perkins	21.20	
Karl Wing	3.20	
Albert Paul	5.20	
C. A. Hobbs	57.00	
Hugh Bryan	5.40	
Earl Pike	10.70	
Scott Ackerman	2.00	
Charles Clark	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$424.80

### **Sanding**

Maurice Hobbs	\$41.75	
H. H. Hobbs, truck	57.20	
Mason Balch	31.00	
Raymond Balch	28.40	
Weymouth Pike, sand	7.40	
Earl Pike, truck and men	6.00	
Albert Paul	4.80	
John Jewell	3.20	
Joe Thompson	.60	
	<hr/>	\$180.35

### **Detail 10—Snow Fence and Miller Road**

Venable Corp., Snow fence	\$250.00
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### **Miller Road**

Sears Roebuck Co., Iron posts	\$42.75	
B. & M. Railroad, freight	8.22	
Hervey H. Hobbs	28.55	
Savings Bank, posts	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$88.52

### **Detail 11—Town Road Aid**

Maurice E. Hobbs, Foreman	\$254.75
Maurice E. Hobbs, tractor	466.00
Hervey H. Hobbs, truck	306.60
Frank Stevens, labor	177.00
C. A. Hobbs, truck	97.20
A. M. LaMott, labor	32.40
Elmer Derby, labor	24.80
John Piper, labor	32.40
George Horton, labor	25.20
John, Lamson, truck	75.60
Wm. T. Rutledge, cement	1.60
Myles Messier, labor	25.20
O. P. Hall, gravel	4.20
F. H. Johnson, labor	3.60
Raymond LaMott, labor	21.60
Lawrence Gray, labor	28.80
James Balch, labor	25.20
Reginald Bergeron, labor	25.20
Hervey H. Hobbs, supplies	11.28

Mason Balch	189.40	
Forrest Perkins	201.90	
Albert Paul	132.80	
Raymond Balch	175.60	
Rich Bros.	22.21	
F. E. West	29.91	
E. G. Hadley	35.00	
D. A. Derby	2.50	
Lee Piper	143.20	
Jennie Roberts, truck	40.80	
W. H. Trumbull, supplies	27.92	
N. H. Explosive Co., supplies	26.10	
D. H. Thompson, gravel	5.60	
C. P. Dimick, gravel	2.00	
C. D. Pike, gravel	9.60	
H. Van Oswald Jsper, gravel	117.60	
Wilfred Vachon	21.60	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	420.72	
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		\$3,243.09
Amount furnished by town	\$648.61	

**Detail 12—General Expenses of  
Highway Department**

Dyer Sales Co., repairs for snow plow	\$26.50	
Hathorn's Garage,		
repairs for snow plow	44.48	
Chester D. Pike, plank	119.45	
Leo A. Jenks, sawing plank	27.30	
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		\$217.73

**Detail 13—Street Lights**

Central Vt. Pub. Service Corp.	\$549.28
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**Detail 14—Library**

Converse Free Library	\$300.00
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**Detail 15—Charities**

Old Age Assistance		\$244.85
George A. Pushee, Overseer's		
salary and expense	\$33.54	
Frank E. West, County poor	288.90	
Rich Brothers, County poor	124.55	
Chester D. Pike, wood	56.00	
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		\$502.99

**Detail 16—Parks and Playgrounds**

Fred W. Grant, cleaning common	\$11.80	
Lawn mowing common	63.20	
	<hr/>	\$75.00

**Detail 17**

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee	\$81.00
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**Detail 18—Public Service Enterprise  
Cemeteries**

Fred W. Grant, Sexton

Frank W. Noyes, cleaning and raking	\$11.60	
Harold Clark, cleaning and raking	11.60	
Alanson W. Grant, cleaning and raking	11.00	
Herbert W. Dike, cleaning and raking	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$39.20
Frank W. Noyes, mowing twice		52.40
Fred W. Grant, mowing, raking, etc.	\$36.85	
Fred W. Grant, labor, cleaning	18.75	
Fred W. Grant, work in Highland Cemetery	13.85	
Fred W. Grant, work in Porter Cemetery	7.20	
Fred W. Grant, work in Beal Cemetery	6.75	
	<hr/>	\$83.40

**Detail 19—Patriotic Purposes**

American Legion, Memorial Day	\$57.50	
Rich Brothers, aid to soldiers	203.14	
	<hr/>	\$260.64

**Detail 20—Unclassified**

Rich Bros., fencing	\$52.50	
Harry Gray	6.60	
Lawrence Hutchins, land rent for lumber	50.00	
F. J. Teed, land rent for lumber	70.00	
Mary Pushee, for water	3.00	
Taxes bought by town	2,028.10	
Discounts and abatements	243.79	
	<hr/>	\$2,453.99



**Detail 21—New Equipment**

Miller Automobile Co., snow plow	\$1,400.00
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**Detail 22—Indebtedness**

George W. Barnes, temporary loan	\$5,000.00
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**Detail 23—Interest**

George W. Barnes	\$917.60	
Lyme Congregational Church	218.40	
Mildred M. Grant	105.00	
Carrie B. Wells	183.75	
	<hr/>	\$1,424.75

**Detail 24—Other Government Divisions**

Taxes paid to County	\$3,074.04	
Payments to School District	8,263.79	
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Total Payments	\$34,946.90
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Lyme, N. H., Feb. 1, 1941

David A. Grant,  
Treasurer

Frank H. Bailey,  
Hervey H. Hobbs,  
George A. Pushee,  
Selectmen

Lyme, N. H., March 1, 1941

This certifies that we have this day examined the accounts of David A. Grant, Town Clerk and Treasurer, also the accounts of the Highway Agent, the Selectmen and the Treasurer of the Trust Funds and the Library Treasurer and find all correctly cast and each item supported by its proper voucher.

George A. Greenwood,  
Maude I. Greenwood,  
Auditors

# TOWN OF LYME

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

### 1939

	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 0	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,096.49	\$103.51	\$ 0
Town Officers' Expenses	300.00	0	300.00	327.38	0	27.38
Election and Registration	10.00	0	10.00	0	10.00	0
Municipal Court	0	0	0	6.70	0	6.70
Police Department	75.00	0	75.00	272.68	0	197.68
Fire Department	300.00	1,701.72	2,001.72	3,800.70	0	1,798.98
Health Department	200.00	0	200.00	200.00	0	0
Vital Statistics	0	0	0	3.75	0	3.75
Town Road Aid	647.51	0	647.51	647.77	0	0.26
Town Maintenance	6,400.00	1,210.26	7,610.26	9,893.03	0	2,282.77
Street Lighting	540.00	0	540.00	560.38	0	20.38
Libraries	250.00	0	250.00	394.38	0	144.38
Dartmouth Region	100.00	0	100.00	91.00	9.00	0
Old Age Assistance	100.00	0	100.00	161.50	0	61.50
Town Poor	400.00	0	400.00	191.64	208.36	0
Memorial Day	75.00	0	75.00	57.50	17.50	0
Aid to Soldiers	100.00	0	100.00	258.15	0	158.15
Parks and Playgrounds	100.00	0	100.00	67.53	32.47	0
Cemeteries	175.00	0	175.00	175.00	0	0
Interest	1,250.00	0	1,250.00	1,074.34	175.66	0
Timber Salvage	0	2,370.88	2,370.88	3,138.56	0	767.68
County Tax	3,854.47	0	3,854.47	3,854.47	0	0
	\$16,076.98	\$5,282.86	\$21,359.84	\$24,272.95	\$556.50	\$5,469.61
						556.50
						<u>\$4,913.11</u>
						Net Overdraft of Appropriations

# TOWN OF LYME

## STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS, VALUATION AND TAXES OVER TEN YEAR PERIOD

	Long Term Notes and Bonds	Temporary Loans	*Net Debt	Valuation	Taxes Assessed	Uncollected Taxes	Unredeemed Taxes	Town Tax Rate Per \$100	Average State Tax Rate
January 31, 1930	0	\$ 0	\$ 831.06	\$1,000,709.00	\$27,920.00	0	\$ 1,748.77	\$2.80	\$2.80
January 31, 1931	0	5,000.00	5,584.00	983,145.00	27,921.00	0	2,448.64	2.84	2.84
January 31, 1932	0	15,500.00	13,907.99	919,955.00	28,978.00	0	4,440.04	3.15	2.90
January 31, 1933	0	16,000.00	13,422.99	844,687.00	19,618.00	0	6,016.41	2.32	2.77
January 31, 1934	0	17,000.00	12,284.83	793,731.00	18,255.00	0	6,737.86	2.30	2.74
January 31, 1935	0	19,000.00	15,629.19	789,175.00	23,059.00	0	8,182.37	2.92	2.86
January 31, 1936	0	21,900.00	15,967.92	794,183.00	21,860.00	0	10,171.91	2.75	3.17
January 31, 1937	0	22,900.00	17,928.07	818,330.00	24,709.00	0	8,770.58	3.02	3.43
January 31, 1938	0	27,940.00	17,081.67	814,115.00	25,563.00	0	11,348.46	3.14	3.41
January 31, 1939	0	28,940.00	20,974.33	807,534.00	24,306.00	0	11,022.83	3.01	3.48
January 31, 1940	0	34,240.00	25,714.67	766,815.00	22,628.00	0	9,176.60	2.95	3.45
Ten Year Increase		\$34,240.00	\$24,883.61	†\$233,894.00	\$ 5,292.00		\$ 7,427.83	\$0.15	\$0.65

† Decrease

\* Net Debt indicates excess of total liabilities over total assets

# Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Lyme on January 31, 1941

Showing the Purpose for Which each Fund was Created and Disposition of Same

Date of Creation	Cemetery Trust Funds Name of Donor	How Invested	Amt. Prin.	Rate of Int.	Income of Hand Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Inc. on Hand End Year	
								Year	Year
1903	Betsey Tinkham—Cyrus N. Philbrook	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %		2.51	2.51		
1905	Nancy Dimick—Executor	Savings Bank	25.00	2½ %		.62	.62		
1907	Mary Warren—Executor	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25		
1908	Clarinda & Alfred Davis—Chas. A. Davis	Savings Bank	75.00	2½ %		1.88	1.88		
1913	Thomas W. Baker—Sarah A. Baker	Savings Bank	90.67	2½ %	13.59	2.28	2.00		13.87
1913	Walter G. Piper—Executor	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	6.90	2.51	3.00		6.41
1915	Freeman P. Holt—Mrs. Roswell Fox	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %	.56	1.25	1.25		
1915	Isaac P. Holt—Herbert H. Holt	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %	.37	1.25	1.81		
1915	John N. Holt—Herbert H. Holt	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %	1.06	1.25	1.62		
1915	George Swan—Herbert H. Holt	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %	20.06	5.03	2.00		.31
1915	Dr. Cyrus & Dea Irenus Hamilton—A. K. Hamilton	Savings Bank	200.00	2½ %	6.55	5.03	6.00		19.09
1915	Samuel F. Ball & Elisha Ball—S. F. & Lestina Ball	Savings Bank	200.00	2½ %			4.00		7.58
1916	Edson Blaisdell—Mrs. Edson Blaisdell	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25		
1917	Leroy W. Emery—Leroy W. Emery	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	20.21	2.51	2.00		20.72
1917	Benj. T. Washburn—Katherine Washburn	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	9.02	2.51	3.00		8.53
1918	Harris Allen—Mrs. Roswell Fox	Savings Bank	25.00	2½ %		.62	.62		
1918	Lyme School Note	Savings Bank	2788.79	2½ %		70.15	70.15		
1918	Wm. H. Dimick—Executor	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25		
1918	Capt. David Turner—Mrs. Julia Fitch & F. Turner	Savings Bank	125.00	2½ %	1.13	3.13	2.00		2.26
1918	David Turner—Frank Turner	Savings Bank	125.00	2½ %	1.13	3.13	2.00		2.26
1919	A. C. & C. G. Walker—S. G. & R. T. Walker	Savings Bank	200.00	2½ %	17.06	5.03	6.00		16.09
1919	Thomas L. Gilbert—Miss Frances Gilbert	Savings Bank	200.00	2½ %	43.50	5.03	4.00		44.53
1920	C. M. Dustin—S. A. Willigar	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	28.63	2.51	2.00		29.14
1920	Wesley Goodell	Savings Bank	75.00	2½ %	9.60	1.88	2.00		9.48
1920	Caleb F. Ward—C. F. Ward	Savings Bank	75.00	2½ %	14.72	1.88	2.00		14.60
1921	Nathan Shattuck—Mrs. Lizzie Franklin	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25		
1921	Mrs. Mary & Arthur Everett—Sarah Hayden	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	21.62	2.51	3.43		20.70
1921	J. M. Franklin—H. O. Franklin	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25		

Date of Creation	Cemetery Trust Funds	Name of Donor	How Invested	Amt. of Prin.	Rate Int.	Income on Hand Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Inc. on Hand End Year
1922	William B. Piper—	Harriet D. Piper	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	
1922	Selah Beal & Wife & Ida Farwell & Son—	Jennie Palmer	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	
1923	Gilman Whittemore—	Clara Whittemore	Savings Bank	25.00	2½ %		.62	.62	
1923	William Kemp—	Julia Kemp	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	19.09	2.51	2.50	19.10
1923	Frank & Henry Cuttings—	Ada Blood	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	12.42	2.51	2.50	12.43
1923	Dwight Rich—	Sarah I. Rich	Savings Bank	75.00	2½ %	10.18	1.88	2.00	10.06
1924	Harrison Pressey—	Harriet Pressey	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	5.67	2.51	2.50	5.68
1924	Edd M. Cutting—	Edd M. Cutting	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	22.77	2.51	3.00	22.28
1925	George P. Amsden—	Executor	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	
1925	Freeman P. Sanborn—	Mary Sanborn	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	18.90	2.51	4.00	17.41
1925	Samuel H. Webster—	Anna Webster	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	18.95	2.51	4.00	17.46
1925	D. B. & A. D. Dimick—	Mrs. Lizzie Dimick	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %		2.51	2.51	
1925	O. W. Dimick & P. E. Fairfield—	Mrs. Lizzie Dimick	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	4.54	2.51	3.00	4.05
1925	Carroll Dana Dimick—	Mrs. Lizzie Dimick	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	3.30	2.51	3.00	2.81
1925	Rev. Jared Tozier & Wife—	Their Children	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	
1926	Leander D. Warren—	Lewis W. Warren	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	
1926	Lewis W. Warren—	Lewis W. Warren	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	
1926	Stephen A. Willigar—	S. A. Willigar	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	
1926	Joel Heminway—	Mrs. Abbie Hubbard	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	15.42	2.51	4.00	13.93
1926	Fred B. Palmer—	Mrs. Jennie Palmer	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	6.69	2.51	3.00	6.20
1926	Sarah Conant—	Frederick W. Conant	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %	6.98	2.51	3.00	6.49
1926	Henry Pratt—	Frank Pratt	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	
1926	Alfred, Georgianna & Frederick Dodge—	Mrs. H. E. Averill	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	13.09	2.51	3.00	12.60
1926	Theodore W. Wise—	Mrs. Mary L. & Hattie Wise	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %		2.51	2.51	
1927	Asa Warren & Wife—	Their Children	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	16.28	2.51	3.00	15.79
1927	Erastus Grant—	Miss Isabella Grant	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	
1928	Harry O. Franklin—	Harry O. Franklin	Savings Bank	150.00	2½ %	14.07	3.77	4.50	13.34
1928	John Clark—	Harland P. Clark	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	
1929	Warren W. Parker—	Archie Ames	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	9.65	2.51	3.00	9.16
1929	Sidney A. Converse & Benjamin Converse—	Executor	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	
1930	Georgia Wilson Johnson & Henry Wilson—	Heirs	Savings Bank	200.00	2½ %	17.69	5.03	6.00	16.72
			Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25	1.25	



Date of Creation	Cemetery Trust Funds Name of Donor	How Invested	Amt. of Prin.	Rate of Int.	Income on Hand		Expended During Year	Balance of Inc. on Hand	
					Beginning Year	Ending Year		Year	Year
1930	George Flint & W. W. Balch—Walter Flint, Executor	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	18.04	2.51	4.00	16.55	
1932	James Cook—Ralph Flint	Savings Bank	75.00	2½ %	1.68	1.88	2.00	1.56	
1932	Wesley Flint—Ralph Flint	Savings Bank	75.00	2½ %	2.68	1.88	2.00	2.56	
1933	Charles E. Hewes & Oliver Hewes—Chas. E. Hewes	Savings Bank	200.00	2½ %	17.34	5.03	5.50	16.87	
1934	Frank Frost & Lewis Mativia—Ida Johnson Paul	Savings Bank	150.00	2½ %	8.03	3.77	4.00	7.80	
1934	John Hall—Susan Hall	Savings Bank	200.00	2½ %	11.48	5.03	5.50	11.01	
1936	Reuben Waite & Sarah Converse—Executor	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	3.04	2.51	2.50	3.05	
1938	Arad J. Warren—A. J. Warren	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %		1.25			
1938	Charles D. Sanborn—Arthur Sanborn	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	2.17	2.51	2.50	2.18	
1938	Carroll S. Wells—Carrie B. Wells	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	1.97	2.51	2.50	1.98	
1939	Isaac & Wesley Clark—Executor	Savings Bank	150.00	2½ %	3.10	3.77	3.50	3.37	
1939	Augustus Storms—Executor	Savings Bank	150.00	2½ %	3.10	3.77	2.50	4.37	
1939	Irenus Pingree—Ada O. Cassidy	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	1.45	2.51	2.00	1.96	
1939	Frank Baker & Sylvanus Hewes—Myra Hewes Tenney	Savings Bank	50.00	2½ %	.62	1.25	1.87		
1939	Fred A. Randlett—Mary N. Andrews	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %	.62	2.51	2.00	1.13	
1940	Elmer F. Morrill—Mrs. Elmer F. Morrill	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %		2.51	2.00	.51	
1940	Will E. Gilbert—Rosanna Gilbert	Savings Bank	100.00	2½ %		1.66		1.66	
1940	David C. Churchill & David C. Churchill, Jr.—Alice G. Otis	Savings Bank	200.00	2½ %		2.08		2.08	
Totals			9,954.46		506.72	246.15	253.15	499.72	

## LYME TOWN LIBRARY

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### Financial Statement

#### Receipts:

Balance on hand	\$13.61	
From Town appropriation	300.00	
From fines	3.58	
From book sold	3.76	
	<hr/>	\$320.95

#### Expenditures:

Central Vt., Public Service Co., lights	\$22.72	
Eastman Oil Co., oil	60.36	
Books	65.41	
Magazines	24.78	
Supplies	5.35	
Janitor	46.50	
Librarian, Lois Whipple	73.50	
	<hr/>	\$298.62
Balance on hand		22.33
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		\$320.95
Funds in Dartmouth Savings Bank		\$999.41

Earl C. Perkins, Treasurer

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Number of bound volumes at beginning of year	5,009
Number of bound volumes added by purchase	62
Number added by gift	20

Total	5,091
Discarded	10

Total number of bound volumes at end of year	5,081
Total circulation for the year	6,878
divided as follows:	

	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes of fiction	4902	1,209	5,111
Number of volumes of non-fiction	371	396	767

Total circulation	5,273	1,605	6,878
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Twenty gift books have been received from interested friends: namely Pauline and Ruth Whittemore, Mrs. Florence Hanchett, and Mrs. Cynthia Gibson of White River Junction, Vt.

Sixty-two volumes of fiction and non-fiction were purchased, and the reading tables well supplied with magazines. The reading tables continue to be popular, especially with the High School pupils, and the children's tables for the Graded School pupils.

Mr. Warren has contributed *Life Magazine*, and Dr. Conant the *Reader's Digest*, which have been greatly enjoyed by patrons of the Library.

A new service has been added by the coming of the Bookmobile once in six weeks, with a new selection of usually fifteen books. These the children eagerly grasp for book reports.

The Library service is extended to Lyme Center by the kindness of Mrs. Grace Cutting.

The circulation of Juvenile books has increased 33% over last year. This proof that the children of Lyme are seeking knowledge of their own accord, through the use of the Library is indicative that the excellent qualities of our old foundation citizens still lives and flourishes. These young people are training themselves for active and intelligent citizenship. It is much to be desired that the present appropriation be continued and increased if possible, so that the usefulness of our Library may be extended still more.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. A. Miles

## LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### School Board

Mary A. Chase	1941
Lela M. Pike	1942
Arthur E. Derby	1943

### Treasurer

Mildred M. Grant

### Truant Officer

Earl C. Perkins

### Superintendent

Robert J. Fuller

### Teachers

Plain VII-VIII	Lucille Craggy
Plain V-VI	Bertha Owen
Plain III-IV	Dorothy Messier
Plain I-II	Dorothy Messier
Center I-VIII	Betty Saunders
Chesley	Katherine Keniston
Whipple	Charlotte Perkins

### School Nurse

Henrietta Higginbotham

## WARRANT

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### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grafton ss.

Town of Lyme

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Lyme qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Church Hall in Lyme on the Eleventh Day of March, 1941 at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Mederator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or other officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors, Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
7. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4988.29 (\$5.00 on a thousand of the equalized valuation) for the support of schools.
8. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6579.71 plus any additional receipts of the department for the salaries of District Officers, Administration, Tuition, Transportation, Per Capita Tax, etc., as set forth in the budget.



9. To see if the District will vote to authorize the School Board to sell the Stetson School property or do or act in any other way relative thereto.

10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals at said Lyme this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1941.

Mary A. Chase  
Lela M. Pike  
Arthur E. Derby  
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant Attest:

Mary A. Chase  
Lela M. Pike  
Arthur E. Derby  
School Board.

## LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Annual Report of District Treasurer Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1940

#### Summary

Cash on hand June 30, 1939	
Treasurer's bank balance	\$ 830.87
*Received from selectmen, appropriations for current year	\$10,447.00
Dog Tax	166.79
Income from Trust Funds	70.15
Received from State Treasurer (State Aid)	4,766.58
Received from all other sources	165.89
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	\$15,616.41
Total amount available for fiscal year (balance and receipts)	16,447.28
Less School Board orders paid	16,273.16
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1940 (Treasurer's bank balance)	174.12
*Include only amounts actually paid over by selectmen	

David A. Grant,  
District Treasurer.

July 10, 1940

#### Auditors' Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Lyme, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, and find them correct in all respects.

Marion S. Perkins,  
George A. Greenwood,  
Auditors.

July 10, 1940

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1939  
and Ending June 30, 1940

### Receipts

From Selectmen, raised by taxation \$10,447.00

**From Other Sources:**

Dog Tax	\$166.79	
Trust Fund	70.15	
Sale of Property	100.50	
State Aid Equalization Fund	4,766.58	
Other receipts	65.39	
	<hr/>	5,169.41

Total Receipts, all sources \$15,616.41

Cash on hand at beginning  
of year, July 1, 1939 830.87

Grand Total \$16,447.28

Mary A. Chase,  
Lela M. Pike.  
Arthur E. Derby,  
School Board.

### Auditors' Report

This is to certify that we have this day examined the vouchers and books of the School Board of the School District of Lyme, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Marion S. Perkins,  
George A. Greenwood,  
Auditors.

July 10, 1940

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1939  
and Ending June 30, 1940

### Payments

#### SUMMARY

##### Administration:

Salaries of District Officers	\$238.88	
Superintendent's excess salary	351.00	
Truant officers and school census	25.00	
Expenses of administration	173.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 788.44

##### Instruction:

Principals' and teachers' salaries	\$6,475.00	
Textbooks	298.00	
Scholars' supplies	246.85	
Flags and appurtenances	12.30	
Other expenses of instruction	107.80	
	<hr/>	7,139.95

##### Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

Janitor service	\$501.20	
Fuel	419.87	
Water, light, janitors' supplies	153.97	
Minor repairs and expenses	353.78	
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##### Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

Medical inspection	\$209.75	
Transportation of pupils	3,072.65	
High school and academy tuition	2,820.00	
Elementary school tuition	00.00	
Other special activities	8.50	
	<hr/>	6,110.90

**Fixed Charges:**

Insurance	\$95.20	
Per capita tax	392.00	
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**Outlay for Construction and  
Equipment:**

Lands and new buildings	\$270.85	
New equipment	47.00	
	<hr/>	317.85

Total Payments	\$16,273.16
Cash on hand, June 30, 1940	174.12
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Grand Total	\$16,447.28



## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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### Administration:

Salaries of District Officers	
Arthur E. Derby, Chairman of the School Board	\$47.00
Mary a Chase, Member of the School Board	45.00
David A. Grant, Treasurer of the District	106.88
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	\$238.88

### Superintendent's Excess Salary

Val M. Clough, Treasurer of Union	\$351.00
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### Truant Officer and Census

William F. Chase, Census Taker	25.00
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### Expenses of Administration

Roland A. Lewin, stamps	27.16
Arthur E. Derby, expenses	1.45
Dartmouth Printing Company	2.25
Carr and Gordon	10.20
George Greenwood, auditing	3.00
Marion S. Perkins, auditing	3.00
Town of Lyme	8.00
Robert J. Fuller, expenses	36.50
Lyme Congregational Church	4.00
Lela M. Pike, expenses	3.00
School District of Hanover, secretarial service	75.00
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	\$173.56

### Instruction:

#### Teachers' Salaries

Lucille Craggy	\$950.00
Margaret Young	925.00
Dorothy Messier	925.00
Ruth Fitzgerald	900.00
Phyllis Atwood	850.00

Katherine Keniston	850.00
Charlotte Perkins	900.00
Florence Bradley	175.00
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	\$6,475.00

#### Textbooks

Macmillan Company	\$55.01
Arlo Publishing Company	10.86
Scott, Foresman and Company	28.11
Charles Scribner's Sons	11.21
John C. Winston Company	4.76
Houghton Mifflin Company	17.68
Row, Peterson and Co.	13.86
Ginn and Company	57.67
Beckley-Cardy Company	8.77
World Book Company	24.96
Silver Burdett Company	3.93
Edward E. Babb and Company, Inc.	10.65
Department of Elementary School Principals	2.00
Iroquois Publishing Company	2.64
American Book Company	37.53
Webster Publishing Company	.41
Columbia University Press	6.45
Robert J. Fuller	1.50
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	\$298.00

#### Scholars' Supplies

Milton Bradley Company	\$32.98
White River Paper Company	19.50
Edward E. Babb and Company, Inc.	23.79
J. L. Hammett Company	146.46
Estabrook Steel Pen Company	2.27
Philip H. James	14.21
National Education Association	1.33
Arlo Publishing Company	1.98
Hanover School District	1.50
Macmillan Company	.83
Henry Holt and Company	2.00
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	\$246.85

### Flags and Appurtenances

Edward E. Babb and Company, Inc.	\$12.30
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### Other Expenses of Instruction

Dartmouth Printing Company	\$15.65
Webster Publishing Company	24.25
American Education Press, Inc.	2.33
Laidlaw Bros.	26.03
Arthur E. Derby	1.00
Robert J. Fuller	5.00
Lyme Congregational Church	20.00
Lucille Craggy	.80
R. E. Lane	.70
World Book Company	7.04
Fellowship Press	5.00
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	\$107.80

### Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:

#### Janitor Service

Mrs. Fred Bryant	\$3.00
Lucy Webb	133.00
Arthur Welch	207.20
E. C. Perkins	80.00
Alfred Movelle	38.00
George Chesley	38.00
Lulu McCoy	2.00
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	\$501.20

#### Fuel

R. E. Weeden	\$138.06
Hervey Hobbs	154.81
Howard DeGoosh	5.00
Herbert Perkins	22.50
Arthur Welch	4.00
George Chesley	1.50
Grace Cutting	36.00
Chester D. Pike	42.00
Allen Grant	16.00
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	\$419.87

### Water, Light and Janitor Supplies

Central Vermont Public Service Company	\$62.84
Dorothy Messier	3.50
W. H. Trumbull	.65
Cheshire Chemical Company	14.00
New Hampshire Electric Co-operative, Inc.	5.00
R. E. Weeden	12.78
Will Johnson	2.00
Hanover School District	5.25
White River Paper Company	5.00
Frank E. West	3.16
Rich Brothers	7.55
Arthur Welch	26.00
Pioneer Manufacturing Company	6.24
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	\$153.97

### Minor Repairs and Expenses

Harris A. Pushee	\$118.98
J. L. Hammett	107.45
George H. Bryant	5.00
H. A. Moore	3.60
J. E. Wharff	21.50
David Grant	1.00
E. C. Perkins	96.25
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	\$353.78

### Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

#### Medical Inspection

Henrietta Higginbotham, school nurse	\$201.65
Putnam's Drug Store	8.10
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	\$209.75

#### Transportation of Pupils

Dennis Smith	\$240.00
Charles Wilkinson	434.40
Leroy Dennis	1,267.00
Frank Gregory	497.75
Homer Wilmott	633.50
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	\$3,072.65

### High School and Academy Tuition

Hanover School District	\$1,880.00
Thetford Academy	600.00
Plymouth Teachers' College	340.00
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### Other Special Activities

Music and Recording Studio	\$8.50
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### **Fixed Charges:**

	Insurance	
A. J. Warren		\$95.20
	Per Capita Tax	
F. Gordon Kimball, Treasurer of the State		\$392.00

### **Outlay for Construction and Equipment:**

#### Land and New Buildings

Zelma Bates	\$182.85
Lee Cutting, Jr.	8.40
Gordon Sanborn	13.20
Mylon Messier	25.80
Frank Webb	19.60
Albert Wilkinson	15.00
Fred Parker	6.00
	<hr/> \$270.85

#### New Equipment

Edward E. Babb and Co., Inc.	\$2.00
Dorothy Messier	40.00
Hervey Hobbs	5.00

	<hr/> \$47.00
Total Payments for all Purposes	\$16,273.16
Total Cash on Hand June 30, 1940	174.12
	<hr/> \$16,447.28

## SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET FOR 1941-1942

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<b>Support of Schools:</b>	<b>1940-1941</b>	<b>1941-1942</b>
Teachers' salaries	\$6,500.00	\$6,600.00
Textbooks	225.00	225.00
Scholars' supplies	225.00	225.00
Flags and appurtenances	15.00	15.00
Other expenses of instruction	80.00	80.00
Janitor service	500.00	500.00
Fuel	450.00	450.00
Water, lights, janitor supplies	160.00	175.00
Minor repairs and expenses	250.00	250.00
Health supervision	250.00	250.00
Transportation	2,750.00	2,900.00
New Equipment	75.00	75.00
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	\$11,480.00	\$11,745.00

### **Other Statutory Requirements:**

Salaries of District Officers (Fixed by District)	\$245.00	\$245.00
Truant Officer and School Census (Fixed by District)	25.00	25.00
Payments of High School and Academy Tuition, est.	3,500.00	3,800.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary (Fixed by Union)	350.00	360.00
Per Capita Tax, reported by State Treasurer	392.00	378.00
Other Obligations	190.00	190.00
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	\$4,702.00	\$4,998.00

Total amount required to balance School Board's Budget	\$16,182.00	\$16,743.00
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State Aid, December 1941 Allot- ment, estimate	4,350.00	4,800.00
Dog Tax, estimate	200.00	200.00
Income from Trust Funds	75.00	75.00
Tuition, estimate	00.00	00.00



Balance, June 30, 1941, estimate	750.00	100.00
	<u>\$5,375.00</u>	<u>\$5,175.00</u>
Total amount to be raised	\$10,807.00	\$11,568.00
Required by law	4,988.29	4,988.29
Additional appropriation	5,818.71	6,579.71
	<u>\$10,807.00</u>	<u>\$11,568.00</u>

To apply for State Aid \$4,988.29 must be raised for elementary schools.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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To the School Board and Citizens of the School District of Lyme:

The twenty-second in the series of school reports by superintendent of schools is herewith presented. It is the thirteenth in the series by the present incumbent and is included in accordance with the usual custom in the report of the School Board to the School District. This entire report contains an accounting of the financial transactions of the District and certain statistical information regarding the schools:

### **Purpose**

A special effort has been made to survey several of the current events in connection with the schools. It is proposed to give a verbal accounting of some of the possibilities and results of the work. It will give only a moderate emphasis to proposals because of the exigencies of the times.

### **Forward Steps**

It was apparent at the close of schools in June that there would be an insufficient number of pupils at the Center School to justify two teachers for the operation of that building. It was also found that the distribution of pupils in the Lyme Plain School was such that with any attempt at reasonable grading of pupils, at least one of the teachers would be overloaded or have more pupils than she should be expected to instruct.

A survey of the situation indicated that the parents of a majority of the pupils at the Center School were willing that the pupils in the seventh and eighth grades be transported to the Plain School. This made it possible to organize the work at the Plain School so that each teacher would have but two grades in her room, provided four rooms were operated in that school. It has long been known that there was an unoccupied and unfinished room in that building which might be utilized for school purposes. This meant, then, that four teachers at the Plain School could carry on the program more effectively than the three teachers formerly had done, and that one teacher could carry on at the Center School with fewer grades than could one teacher who was obliged to have

the seventh and eighth grades in her own room. By vote of the Board these changes were made and the program has been in operation during the current school year. Whether or not this plan can continue will depend entirely upon the number of pupils who live at the Center and need to be provided for at that school. This means that this plan is adopted only as a temporary expedient to care for the situation as it exists at the present time.

The musical program which was again inaugurated last year has been continued and teachers, parents, and pupils seem to have appreciated the work which has been done by the music teacher. It is hoped that this plan may be continued.

Several exhibits of pupils' work and public days have been arranged by the several teachers in the town and many parents have had an opportunity to see the work of the schools at close range.

### **Repairs**

Electricity has now been made available for rural areas. The lines which have been run through Lyme have made possible the installation of electric equipment and apparatus at both the Chesley and Whipple Schools. It is now possible to provide adequate lighting for the pupils in these buildings even on dark days. The lights give the added advantage of making it possible to utilize the buildings in the evenings for such purposes as may be required by the pupils and community.

The long-needed fire escape on the Plain building has been installed and is now ready of access to the pupils on the top floor of that building should any hazard arise. The unoccupied and unfinished space was made into a classroom during the vacation. This room was provided with proper blackboards, and such heat as seemed to be necessary. Even though it is smaller than a regular classroom, it serves the purpose of providing for two grades and can accommodate up to 30 pupils if necessary.

One-half of the Lyme Center building, including the cupola, was painted and presents a very wholesome appearance on those sides. It will be necessary to complete this work during this coming summer in order to help preserve this building.

It is hoped that the long-talked-of grading may be done at the Plain School. When this is done, it is expected that the pools of water, which are always a source of difficulty

to both pupils and teachers at that building in the milder winters and the thawing of spring, will be eliminated.

### Health

There have been about the usual number of absences due to ill health, including contagious diseases. The employment of the school nurse makes it possible for a rather close check to be made upon the physical condition of the boys and girls. It is probably understood by most citizens that the school nurse cannot diagnose disabilities nor be expected to forestall hidden or systemic diseases in most cases. But her activities include examinations of all pupils once each year for conditions which seem to her to be suspicious. She checks vision and hearing and makes appropriate recommendations. Each pupil in town is checked four times a year as to height and weight to the end that serious increase of weight or serious decrease in weight may point to certain specific difficulties, in which case the school nurse reports to the parents so that they in turn may consult their family physician.

It may be interesting to know that, as a result of the school nurse's activities, cases of enlarged tonsils and adenoid growths have been treated at the Hitchcock Clinic, through her willingness to give of her personal time and to utilize her car to transport such pupils to the Clinic. Other pupils have been treated at the Dartmouth Eye Clinic and in some cases where there seems to be definite need, glasses have been provided through funds which the nurse has been able to procure for this purpose. Last spring she assisted the dentist in examining 149 pupils. Plans are already in operation to care for the teeth of many of these boys and girls through the kind offices of the Parent-Teacher Association, which has raised a considerable amount of money for this specific purpose.

A record of the visits of the school nurse is kept by the superintendent of schools and shows that, in accordance with her agreement, she visits the schools of Lyme usually about 30 times each year. But it should be remembered that there are some diseases which cannot be discovered by cursory examinations either by the nurse or by a reputable physician. Suspicions may be aroused but these suspicions can only become positive diagnoses after analyses and blood counts of various types. These latter can only be done by medical technicians.



One other activity of the school nurse is that which has to do with school attendance. She makes it her business to try to see that the pupils' physical conditions are such that they can attend school. This means that occasionally she finds children who are not properly clothed and who need shoes and other wearing apparel. Through a knowledge that she serves this need, certain people have been kind enough to put into her possession shoes and clothing which she in turn hands on to the school children of Lyme. In this way she has made it possible for many youngsters to attend school who otherwise might be deprived of the privilege. It is not necessary to say that, for the most part, the parents are able to provide for their own children but, on the other hand, there are occasional cases which require this special service and the nurse is not only prepared to give it, but has available material with which to supply the need.

### **Unused Buildings**

The Lyme School District has but two buildings now which are not used—one, the King School; the other, the Stetson School. Of these two buildings there seems to be little prospect that either of them will be required for use for many years, perhaps not at all. The School District has already authorized the School Board to dispose of the King School and it has been advertised and is still on the market for disposal. No authority has been granted regarding the Stetson School. It would, therefore, be wise for the School Board to insert in the school warrant this year an article to the effect that the School Board be authorized to dispose of this building. It is probable that this building can be disposed of at a respectable price. This will eliminate the necessity of any expenditure on the part of the District in keeping the building in repair and will avoid the depreciation which almost always come to a school building which is unoccupied for a considerable period of time.

### **Budget**

The extensive repairs and expenditures have been possible only because the State advanced an additional sum for State Aid which was applied toward the expenses for the current year. It cannot be guaranteed that similar amounts will be available to the School District each year,

but it is expected that the State Aid will continue to be in the vicinity of the amount estimated in the budget for 1941-1942.

There are only slight increases requested in the major portions of the budget—one for small increases in some of the teachers' salaries and that for transportation, which is necessitated because of a modernized bus for the longer routes and only to a limited extent because of the extra amount paid for transportation from the Center to the Plain School.

There will be more pupils attending high school next year than this year, unless unforeseen conditions lessen the number of people who are likely to enter high schools. This statement is based upon the fact that the number of pupils graduating from high schools next year is likely to be several less than has been the case during the past few years.

It is hoped that unless the number of children increase greatly it will be possible to carry on the present program in the schools at about this level, although there are many circumstances which may vary the amounts asked. The request is made after due consideration of all factors involved so far as they can be foreseen.

### **Meaningful Education**

It has been the purpose of your superintendent during the past several years to revitalize the teaching process. This means that a positive effort has been made to increase and intensify the interest of the boys and girls in the materials which they are expected to learn during the elementary school period. This accounts for many of the programs which have been prepared by the boys and girls under the direction of the teachers and for the several activities which have to do with their everyday school work. If it be true, as has been said, that the first line of defense in a democracy is education, it is equally true that that education must become a part of the inner workings of the minds of the boys and girls in our schools.

So long as the teacher dominated the situation at every angle and directed every activity of pupils in the schools there was little left to develop the initiative and the interest of the pupils. But as soon as pupils are permitted to make some of their choices as to lines of activity which interest them and as soon as it is better understood that the teacher is a guide and a helper rather than a marti-



net, then will it be that the young people begin more and more to learn the ways of life on a democratic basis. The cut-and-dried methods of the earlier education were those imported from Europe and partook quite largely of the aristocratic attitude as expressed in various European countries. But America, and particularly New England, has long wanted every boy and girl to have his or her opportunity to develop properly to the fullest extent of his ability. This, then, accounts in some measure for what may to some seem like foolishness or an effort to "show off" the accomplishment of the pupils. But it should be remembered that back of this whole process is the idea that for the young people learning should become more and more meaningful and purposeful.

### **Co-operative Effort**

Lyme is to be congratulated that for the most part the people are willing to render such assistance as can be rendered by outside agencies toward the work of the schools. Specifically, we would mention the activities of the recently formed Parent-Teacher Association, which is endeavoring to carry forward a program which shall be of interest to parents as well as a true benefit to the boys and girls. Any community which becomes intensely interested in the program of child development and growth is sure to receive abundant returns in the lives of the boys and girls in its schools. This co-operation, coupled with an intelligent, well-trained and sincere teaching staff, in the end is bound to return immeasurable results.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Fuller,

Superintendent of Schools.

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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**Year Ending June, 1940**

Arranged by Schools and Teachers

School	Teacher	Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percentage Attendance	Tardiness	Tardiness per Pupil
Plain Gram., Lucille J. Craggy		29	26.24	24.73	94.25	0	.00
Plain Intermed., Dorothy Messier		41	32.12	30.54	95.06	5	.12
Plain Primary, Margaret Young		40	30.03	27.91	92.94	2	.05
Center Gram., Ruth Fitzgerald		14	13.41	13.16	98.14	31	2.21
Center Prim., Phyllis Atwood		13	13.00	12.62	97.08	48	3.69
Whipple, Charlotte Perkins		15	14.18	13.55	95.56	13	.86
Chesley, Katherine Keniston		20	19.06	18.38	96.43	22	1.10
Totals or averages for 1940		172	148.04	140.89	95.63	121	1.14
Totals or averages for 1939		177	159.79	150.80	94.32	124	.85
Totals or averages for 1938		178	149.60	143.06	95.62	65	.36
Totals or averages for 1937		147	128.16	120.91	94.34	101	.69
Totals or averages for 1936		141	126.62	118.47	93.56	77	.54
Totals or averages for 1935		146	124.05	115.49	93.10	208	1.58
Totals or averages for 1934		140	132.51	123.92	93.51	270	2.03
Totals or averages for 1933		151	149.26	139.62	93.53	194	1.36
Totals or averages for 1932		154	138.28	129.11	94.30	184	1.20
Totals or averages for 1931		135	113.77	110.22	96.80	149	1.10
Totals or averages for 1930		142	126.48	119.16	95.00	137	.96
Totals or averages for 1929		140	116.52	110.79	95.07	212	1.50
Totals or averages for 1928		133	120.56	117.31	97.30	325	2.40

The school year ending July 1, 1940, showed that the school enrollment was five less than that of last year and the average membership, ten less. This means that the average attendance is about normal and that the increased averages for last year were due to an influx of

transient children. The percent of attendance showed a creditable gain, but we were again disappointed because of the large number of tardinesses at the Center School which brought the average tardiness per pupil greater than one for the year.

Special credit is due the upper grade room at the Plain School for completing the year without any tardiness recorded, and the other two rooms there for the very small percentage of tardiness. The Whipple School is to be commended for its gains in this regard, as the number of tardinesses is lower than that for several years.

The emphasis upon attendance should not be construed to mean that children should be sent to school if they are not in good health. It rather shows that because of good physical condition and care on the part of the parents, pupils are able to reach school on time before school sessions and to continue their attendance throughout the year. This condition is no doubt improved by the constant care of the school nurse in assisting and directing the teachers in regard to the health welfare of the boys and girls.

## GRADUATES, 1940

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### Plain School:

Helen Jane Bowman  
Ellsworth Jeffers DeGoosh  
Jean Patricia Harding  
Irene Mae Lapan  
Pauline Edith O'Brien  
Verla Maxine Perkins  
Marion Viola Pushee  
Jean Marion Small  
Marjorie Lillian Stearns  
Hazel Ruth Stevens  
Charles Allen Thompson  
Chester Homer Wilmott

### Center School:

Frederick Roderick Columbia  
Patricia Mary Derby  
Esther Lorraine Gray  
Ida Josephine Pike

### Chesley School:

George Joseph Chesley  
Daniel Moses Thompson

### Whipple School:

Alfred Lyman Movelle  
Herbert Eugene Pike  
George Eaton Tattersall  
Ruth Elizabeth Tattersall

## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

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For Year Ending June, 1940

### Entire Year

Abbott, Watson  
Brockway, Jeanette  
Bryant, Sterle  
Cutting, Frank

Coutermarsh, Ralph  
Guitar, Melvin  
Guitar, Phineas  
Guitar, Wilfred

Jenks, Thomas

### First Period

Abbott, Watson  
Bacon, Janet  
Bailey, Beverly  
Bowman, Alice  
Bowman, Dorothy  
Bowman, Noralee  
Brockway, Jeanette  
Bryant, Sterle  
Columbia, Francis  
Columbia, Frederick  
Columbia, Irene  
Coutermarsh, Ralph  
Cutting, Clyde  
Cutting, Frank  
Davis, Ava  
Davis, Donald  
Davis, Irene  
Day, Roy  
DeGoosh, Mary  
Gardner, Harold  
Granger, Charlotte  
Gray, Gerald  
Guitar, Melvin  
Guitar, Phineas  
Guitar, Wilfred  
Hanchett, Gordon  
Harding, Jean  
Jenks, Alan  
Jenks, Edward

Jollota, Norman  
Jollota, Phyllis  
LaPan, Irene  
O'Brien, Pauline  
Perkins, Verla  
Pike, Weymouth  
Piper, Dolores  
Plume, Charles  
Porter, Joan  
Pratte, Albert  
Pratte, Edward  
Pratte, Roseanna  
Pratte, Vera  
Pruneau, Elinor  
Pushee, Albert  
Pushee, Frank  
Pushee, Joan  
Sanborn, Helen  
Sanborn, Howard  
Shaw, Thelma  
Small, Duane  
Small, Jean  
Small, Minnie  
Smith, Barbara  
Smith, Helen  
Smith, Stanley  
Smith, Verna  
Stevens, Hazel  
Thurston, Carlos

Jenks, Richard  
Jenks, Roger  
Jenks, Stanley  
Jenks, Thomas

Turner, Robert  
Weeks, Raymond  
Wilkinson, Charles  
Wilkinson, Don

Wilmot, Marjorie

### Second Period

Abbott, Watson  
Bacon, Janet  
Bailey, Beverly  
Bowman, Dorothy  
Bowman, Helen  
Bowman, James  
Bowman, Noralee  
Brockway, Jeanette  
Bryant, Leona  
Bryant, Sterle  
Chesley, George  
Columbia, Francis  
Columbia, Frederick  
Columbia, Irene  
Coutermarsh, Everett  
Coutermarsh, Ralph  
Cutting, Barbara  
Cutting, Frank  
Davis, Ava  
Davis, Donald  
Davis, Irene  
Gray, Gerald  
Guitar, Melvin  
Guitar, Phineas  
Guitar, Wilfred  
Hall, Charles

Hanchett, Gordon  
Harriman, William  
Humiston, Fred  
Jenks, Alan  
Jenks, Edward  
Jenks, Stanley  
Jenks, Thomas  
Jollota, Norman  
Jollota, Phyllis  
McClellan, Marcia  
Pike, Ida  
Piper, Herman  
Pushee, Albert  
Pushee, Donald  
Pushee, Joan  
Sanborn, Richard  
Smith, Barbara  
Smith, Dorothy  
Smith, Verna  
Uline, Shirley  
Wilkinson, Charles  
Wilkinson, Don  
Wilmot, Irvin  
Wilmot, Marjorie  
Young, Hazel  
Young, Leon

### Third Period

Abbott, Watson  
Brockway, Jeanette  
Bryant, Sterle  
Chesley, Edith  
Clafin, Norma  
Coutermarsh, Ralph  
Cutting, Frank  
Gardner, Harold  
Granger, Charlotte  
Guitar, Melvin

Guitar, Phineas  
Guitar, Wilfred  
Jenks, Roger  
Jenks, Thomas  
Movelle, Alfred  
O'Brien, Pauline  
Perkins, Verla  
Pushee, Donald  
Pushee, Frank  
Uline, Shirley



#### Fourth Period

Abbott, Watson  
Bacon, Carleton  
Bailey, Beverly  
Balch, Doris  
Bowman, Alice  
Bowman, Dorothy  
Brockway, Jeanette  
Bryant, Sterle  
Camber, John  
Chesley, George  
Chesley, Guy  
Claflin, Norma  
Columbia, Francis  
Columbia, Frederick  
Coutermarsh, Ralph  
Cutting, Frank  
Davis, Ava  
DeGoosh, Anne  
DeGoosh, Jane  
DeGoosh, Mary  
DeGoosh, Sue  
Fowler, Josephine  
Gardner, Harold  
Granger, Charlotte  
Gray, Beatrice  
Gray, Harley  
Gray, Ruth  
Guitar, Melvin  
Guitar, Phineas  
Guitar, Wilfred  
Hanchette, Gordon

Humiston, Amos  
Humiston, Fred  
Jenks, Alan  
Jenks, Edward  
Jenks, Roger  
Jenks, Stanley  
Jenks, Thomas  
Jollota, Norman  
Lawson, George  
McClellan, Marcia.  
McClellan, Paul  
Pike, Earle F.  
Pike, Herbert  
Pike, Ida  
Piper, Herman  
Piper, William  
Plume, Charles  
Plume, Merton  
Pushee, Albert  
Pushee, Donald  
Pushee, Joan  
Shaw, Thelma  
Small, Minnie  
Smith, Stanley  
Smith, Verna  
Stone, Harold  
Tattersall, George  
Tattersall, Ruth  
Tattersall, Marion  
Uline, Shirley  
Weeks, Raymond

Wilmot, Marion

# VITAL STATISTICS

1940



# Births Registered In The Town of Lyme for the Year Ending December 31, 1940

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Sex	Living, Still	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father
Jan. 6	Hanover	Nancy Lee Hart	M	F	L	2W	Lawrence F. Hart	Esther M. Young	Lyme	Laborer	Canaan	Lyme	27 21
Jan. 25	Hanover	Fred Charles Ackerman	M	F	L	3W	Scott H. Ackerman	Flora B. Gray	Lyme	Truck driver	Chelsea, Vt.	Sutton, Vt.	26 19
Feb. 9	Lebanon	Jayne Ann Fields	M	F	L	4W	John E. Fields	Meda P. Roberts	Lyme	Truck driver	Lebanon	Lyme	27 26
Feb. 9	Hanover	Devey Allen Piper	M	F	L	2W	Walter J. Piper	Vivian M. Gregory	Lyme	Carpenter	Lyme	Hanover	23 21
Mar. 22	Lyme	William Leslie Drew	M	F	L	5W	Leslie F. Drew	Irene B. Blake	Lyme	Farmer	Fairhaven, Mass.	Claremont	54 35
Apr. 23	Hanover	Judith Choat Putnam	M	F	L	2W	William F. Putnam	Mildred M. Best	Lyme	Physician	Stanford, Conn.	LaGrange, Ill	30 30
June 2	Hanover	Donald J. Newhall, Jr.	M	F	L	3W	Donald J. Newhall	Mabel V. Chadwick	Lyme	Farmer	Royalton, Mass.	North Sutton	30 31
June 13	Hanover	Jeanne Lee Pushee	M	F	L	1W	Roger C. Pushee	Isabel S. Uline	Lyme	Laborer	Lyme	Lyme	25 21
July 13	Hanover	Reginald E. Stearns	M	F	L	1W	John W. Stearns	Dorothy M. Gregory	Lyme	Chef	Dalhousie, Ala.	Lyme	22 23
July 15	Lyme	David Pushee DeGoosh	M	F	L	13W	Fred O. Stearns	Doris L. Hazelton	Lyme	Teamster	Plainfield	Bristol	35 25
Aug. 25	Lyme	Richard VanB. Thursby	M	F	L	1W	Howard E. DeGoosh	Nettie M. Pushee	Lyme	Farmer	Cornish	Lyme	40 38
Aug. 30	Hanover	Edith Ethel George	M	F	L	1W	Irvin G. Thursby	Ruth L. Hartman	Lyme	Clergyman	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Lyme	48 46
Nov. 19	Hanover	Joyce Elaine Wilmot	F	F	L	3W	Earl F. George	Freda M. Johnson	Lyme	Carpenter	Hanover	Lyone, Penn.	26 27
Nov. 28	Lyme	Marilyn Louise Gamage	F	F	L	1W	Kenneth I. Wilmot	Hannah M. Donna	Lyme	Laborer	Lyme	So. Vershire, Vt.	28 27
Dec. 4	Concord	Gloria Jean Tattersall	F	F	L	6W	Harold W. Gamage	Louise M. Briggs	Lyme	Farmer	Greene, Me.	Minot, Me.	26 28
Dec. 23	Lyme	Robert Edward Frost	M	F	L	1W	Ernest A. Tattersall	Evelyn M. Cox	Lyme	Laborer	Lyme	Concord	38 30
							Cadis E. Frost	Pearl R. Gardner	Lyme	Trackman	Topsham, Vt.	Enfield	28 26

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DAVID A. GRANT, Town Clerk



# Marriages Registered in The Town of Lyme for the Year Ending December 31, 1940

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age Years	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	Condition	Name, Residence and official station of persons by whom Married
Feb. 4	Lyme	Roger C. Pushee Isabel S. Uline	Lyme	22 W	Laborer At home	Lyme	Clarence L. Pushee Emerette Rogers Hiram Uline	Lyme W. Fairlee, Vt. Lyme	Laborer Housewife Carpenter	S	Irvin G. Thurstby Clergyman Lyme
May 12	Lyme	Ivan Whitcher	Lyme	22 W	Farming	Orford	Grace M. Gilbert Howard Whitcher Florence Gray	Littleton Orfordville Lyme	Housewife Mill hand Housewife	S	Irvin G. Thurstby Clergyman Lyme
May 21	Wds'r, Vt.	Thyressa M. Tucker Hoyt A. Briggs	Bradfr'd, Vt.	20 W	Housework	W. Fairlee, Vt.	Ernest Tucker Lena M. Silloway Cassius O. Briggs	W. Fairlee, Vt. Holland, Vt. Canada	Laborer Housewife	S	Cecil F. Petrie Clergyman Windsor, Vt.
June 28	Fairlee, Vt.	Lena M. Chesley Donald L. Tyler	Lyme	19 W	Waitress	Colebrook	Arthur B. Chesley Geraldine Thompson Leon E. Tyler	W. Fairlee, Vt. Canada Renton	Housewife	S	Charles F. Atkins Clergyman Fairlee, Vt.
July 6	Lyme	William A. Isenberg Elz'beth H. P'tridge	Lyme	19 W	Nurse	No. Haverhill Ely, Vt.	Frank Bonnett Rose Wilcox Alfred P. Isenberg	Orford Orford Houtzdale, Pa.	Physician Housewife Sales Mgr.	S	Irvin G. Thurstby Clergyman Lyme
July 6	Lebanon	Harry E. George Amy M. Chase	Lyme	23 W	Carpenter At home	Woodsville Derry	Emma Hires Ethel M. Sanborn Perley Chase	Bridgton, N. J. Fairlee, Vt. Derry	Housewife Carpenter Shoemaker	S	Edgar B. Wilson Clergyman Lebanon
Aug. 25	Lyme	Frank A. Chesley Elsie E. Johnson	Lyme	30 W	Farmer	Lyme	Marjorie M. Stark Arthur B. Chesley Monte G. Thompson	Norwich, Vt. W. Fairlee, Vt. Canada	Housekeeper RFD Carrier Housewife	S	Irvin G. Thurstby Clergyman Lyme
Sept. 20	Hanover	Dean E. LaMott Charlotte H. Balch	Lyme	21 W	Laborer	Orford	Stuart Johnson Alice Jenkins Elvin A. LaMott	Thetford, Vt. Thetford, Vt. Lyme	Carpenter Housewife Meat Cutter	S	L. Morse Merritt Clergyman Hanover
Oct. 5	Hanover	Raymond H. Balch Ester E. Smith	Lyme	18 W	Domestic Laborer	Lyme	Harvey H. Balch Lillian J. Morrill Lillian J. Morrill	Orford Hartland, Vt. Pomfret, Vt.	Housewife Laborer Housewife	S	L. Morse Merritt Clergyman Hanover
Nov. 10	Lyme	Earl E. May Bernita A. Stearns	Lyme	24 W	Laborer Nurse	D'rch's't'r, Mass. Sharon, Vt.	Dennis B. Smith Annie E. Ketty Edgar E. May	Halifax, N. S. Nova Scotia Rochester, Vt.	Carpenter Housewife Laborer	S	Irvin G. Thurstby Clergyman Lyme
Nov. 26	Lyme	Harry W. Greenw'd Evelyn L. Cook	Lyme	16 W	Truck driver Housework	E. Plainfield Thetford, Vt.	Fred G. Stearns Doris L. Hazelton John L. Greenwood	Lyme Morden Bristol	Housekeeper Mill man Housewife	D	Irvin G. Thurstby Clergyman Lyme

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 DAVID A. GRANT, Town Clerk.





# Deaths Registered in The Town of Lyme for the Year Ending December 31, 1940

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Years Months Days	Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Occupation	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1940											
Jan. 19	Thetford, Vt.	Leamon F. Wilmot	59	6 0	Stratford, Vt.	M	W M Farmer	Lyme	Barnard, Vt.	Erni Wilmot	Minnie Packard
Feb. 6	Hanover	Homor B. Lanpher	62	6 24	Vermont	M	W M Clerk	Stratford	Warren	Arthur Lanpher	Maria Parmentier
Mar. 5	Lyme	George W. Dennis	77	6 0	Stratford	M	W M Farmer	Connecticut	Ireland	Enore Dennis	Mary Haynes
Mar. 12	Lyme	Sanford T. Alger	80	3 2	N. B'd'rd, Mass	M	W W Engineer			Charles B. Alger	Anne Toner
Apr. 1	Lebanon	Rosa Gilbert	77	8 28	Orford	F	W W Housewife			Eben Woodbury	Sarah Tillotson
Apr. 9	Lyme	Battie M. Humphrey	75	10 8	Vershire, Vt.	F	W W Housewife	Vershire, Me.	Enosburg, Vt.	Daniel Clark	Lucy P. Brown
May 23	Haverhill	Laura Simmons Rice	50	11 17	Lyme	F	W W Housewife	Vershire, Vt.	Warren	Lewis A. Simmons	Mae Belle Clement
May 24	Lyme	Cora C. Titus	57	0 12	Lyme	F	W M Housewife	Unknown	Vershire, Vt.	George Church	Sarah Aldrich
June 18	Lyme	Daisy E. Jewell	55	11 23	Vermont	F	W M Housewife	Hebron	N. B'd'rd, Mass	Jasper Day	Eliza R. Tripp
June 18	Lyme	William P. Welch	89	0 12	Hanover	M	W W Farming	Canada	Canada	Joseph R. Welch	Zilpha Cutting
July 2	Lyme	Mary E. T. Derby	73	4 20	Ohio	F	W S Carpenter	Canada		John Thatcher	Not known
Sept. 14	Lyme	Frank W. Hall	82	10 12	Allegheny, Pa.	M	W M Housewife	Allegheny, Pa.	Allegheny, Pa.	Robt. W. Stevenson	Jane Cooper
Oct. 22	Lyme	Alfred Gudaites	50	10 28	Easton	M	W M Farmer	Lithuania	Tunbridge, Vt.	William B. Hall	Pauline Bonntovisch
Nov. 25	Lyme	Ila M. Converse	20	10 2	Nashua	M	W S Forestry Dept.	Chelsea, Vt.	Vermont	John Gudaites	Sarah F. Sanborn
Dec. 3	Lancaster	Electa A. Cummings	70	2 10	Tunbridge, Vt.	F	W W Housewife	United States	United States	J. Burnham	Ann
Dec. 8	Lyme	Patricia M. Derby	16	5 26	East Weare	F	W S Schoolgirl	Ohio	Goffstown	Walter Derby	Arlene Hayford
Dec. 9	Lyme	Florence M. Mayo	74	9 18	Landaff	F	W M Housewife	Danville, Vt.	Landaff	Benjamin Morrill	Harriett S. Smith
Dec. 10	Lyme	David J. Pushee	74	9 18	Lyme	M	W M Laborer	Vermont	Vermont	Albert J. Pushee	Sarah F. Jeffers
Dec. 21	Lyme	Andrew J. C. Gray	74	5 12	Sheffield, Vt.	M	W M Farmer	Stratford	Stratford	Aaron Gray	Sarah Simpson
Dec. 21	Hanover	Dewer L. Dennis	83	11 21	Stratford	M	W M Farmer	Stratford	Stratford	Damon Dennis	Belinda Young

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DAVID A. GRANT, Town Clerk.



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